

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HERMY A. FUENTES and VIRGINIA
FUENTES, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
Defendant

No. C-08-2210 MMC

**DIRECTIONS TO CLERK TO REMOVE
EXHIBIT FROM PUBLIC FILE AND TO
FILE IT UNDER SEAL; DIRECTIONS TO
DEFENDANT**

On April 29, 2008, defendant filed a Notice of Removal and also filed a Certificate of Service, attached to which is a copy of the Notice of Removal. Exhibit B to the Notice of Removal is a document in which defendant discloses each plaintiff's entire social security number and each plaintiff's date of birth.

Defendant, by filing Exhibit B, has violated Civil Local Rule 3-17(a), which prohibits a party from filing an individual's entire social security number and an individual's date of birth. Where it is necessary to include an individual's social security number in a filing, "only the last four digits of that number should be used," see Civil L.R. 3-17(a)(1), and where it is necessary to include an individual's date of birth in a filing, "only the year should be used," see Civil L.R. 3-17(a)(3). Here, the Court can ascertain no purpose to defendants' filing even the last four digits of each plaintiff's social security numbers and

1 each plaintiff's birthdate.¹ Nevertheless, to the extent defendant was of the view that such
2 material had some relevance to the Notice of Removal, defendant should not have filed
3 Exhibit B without first redacting the document as is required by the Civil Local Rules of this
4 District.

5 In order to protect each plaintiff's privacy, the Court hereby DIRECTS the Clerk of
6 the Court to remove from the public file Exhibit B to the Notice of Removal, both as
7 attached to the Notice of Removal and as attached to the Certificate of Service, and to file
8 Exhibit B under seal.

9 Further, defendant is DIRECTED to omit Exhibit B from the PDF copy of the Notice
10 of Removal and Certificate of Service defendant is required to email to the Clerk of the
11 Court. See General Order 45, V.B.

12 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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14 Dated: May 2, 2008


MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge

27 ¹Defendant asserts Exhibit B establishes the state of which each plaintiff is a citizen.
28 (See Notice of Removal ¶¶ 4, 5.) The plaintiffs' social security numbers and birthdates
have no bearing on such issue.